

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. Canceled

10. (Previously Presented) A drier comprising a rotary drum that can be fed through a feed opening, through which drum process air is able to flow from a rear wall into an end plate adjacent to the feed opening, and also comprising a drying basket with a lattice type basket projecting into the drum, which basket is supported demountably in at least one opening on the end plate, wherein the drying basket has a longitudinal support projecting into the drum, on which support an integral connecting device is formed, which device engages with the opening and which has a supporting section with which it is supported against the end plate.

11. (Previously Presented) The drier according to claim 10, wherein the longitudinal support is designed as wire and the connecting device is a hook formed on one end section of the wire, wherein the hook and the support section are formed by a bending process.

12. (Previously Presented) The drier according to claim 10, wherein the drying basket has two longitudinal supports and the end plate has two openings, wherein each longitudinal support engages with one of these openings.

13. (Previously Presented) The drier according to Claim 12, wherein the drying basket has a longitudinal support on both longitudinal sides.

14. (Previously Presented) The drier according to claim 10, wherein a demountable lint filter is arranged in the end plate, which filter is adjacent to the opening.

15. (Previously Presented) The drier according to Claim 14, wherein the opening and the connecting device are covered by the lint filter.

16. (Currently Amended) A laundry drier comprising:
a housing;
a rotary drum disposed within the housing and including a rear wall having inlet openings through which an air flow enters the rotary drum;
a feed opening in the housing providing access to the rotary drum;
an end plate disposed near a lower portion of the feed opening and including two basket openings disposed near opposing ends of the end plate;
a drying basket including two elongated longitudinal supports and a lattice type basket supported by the longitudinal supports, each longitudinal support including a connecting device having a hook and a supporting section, the drying basket being removably connected to the end plate and projecting into the rotary drum toward the rear wall with each of the basket openings receiving one of the hooks and each of the supporting sections engaging a surface of the end plate to support the drying basket within the rotary drum.

17. (Currently Amended) The laundry drier according to claim 16, wherein the longitudinal support and connecting device are integrally formed from a rigid wire member having various angled ~~section~~ sections bent into the desired configuration.

18. (Previously Presented) The laundry drier according to claim 16, wherein each hook includes a bending section curving away from the drying basket.

19. (Previously Presented) The laundry drier according to claim 16, further comprising a removable lint filter including a lint screen and an elongated upper diaphragm having a projection at each opposing end of the upper diaphragm, the end plate including an elongated recess extending between the basket openings and the lint filter being received into the recess.

20. (Currently Amended) The laundry drier according to Claim 19, wherein the each projection extends over one of the basket openings and restricts the ~~connecting devices~~ hooks from being removed from the basket openings.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for removably connecting a drying basket to a laundry drier, the method comprising the following acts:

providing the laundry drier comprising a housing, a rotary drum disposed within the housing, a feed opening in the housing providing access to the rotary drum, and an end plate disposed near a lower portion of the feed opening and including two basket openings;

providing the drying basket including two elongated longitudinal supports and a lattice type basket supported by the longitudinal supports, each longitudinal support including a connecting device having a hook and a supporting section;

inserting each hook into one of the basket openings with the drying basket projecting into the rotary drum; and

positioning each supporting section on a surface of the end plate to support the drying basket within the rotary drum.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[20]]~~ 21, further comprising:

- providing a lint filter including a lint screen and an elongated upper diaphragm having a projection at each opposing end of the upper diaphragm;
- providing an elongated recess within the end plate extending between the basket openings;
- inserting the lint filter into the recess with each of the projections extending over one of the basket openings and restricting the hooks from being removed from the basket openings.

23. (New) The drier according to claim 11, wherein the engagement of the hook in the opening and the engagement of the support section with the end plate support cause the drying basket to project into the drum in a cantilevered fashion.

24. (New) The drier according to claim 12, wherein the two longitudinal supports comprise two corresponding wires, wherein the connecting device comprises bent end sections of the two wires, wherein the support section comprises bent portions of the wires located between the end sections and the longitudinal supports, and wherein the basket is mounted by inserting the bent end sections into the openings in the end plate and allowing the support sections to rest against the end plate.

25. (New) The drier of claim 24, further comprising a lint filter that is mounted in a slot formed in the end plate, wherein the lint filter covers the openings in the end plate and the bent end sections of the wires.

26. (New) The laundry drier of claim 16, wherein the engagement between the hooks and the basket openings and between the supporting

sections and the end plate cause the drying basket to project into rotary drum in a cantilevered fashion.

27. (New) The laundry drier of claim 16, wherein the mounting of the hooks into the basket openings and the engagement between the supporting sections and the end plate do not prevent a lint filter from being mounted in a recess in the end plate.